

Claims:

1. An composition which separates into at least two aqueous phases upon standing
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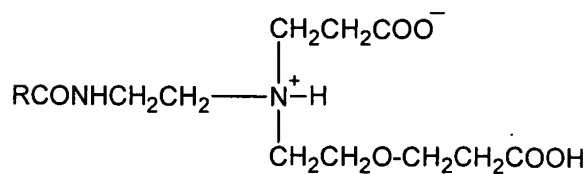
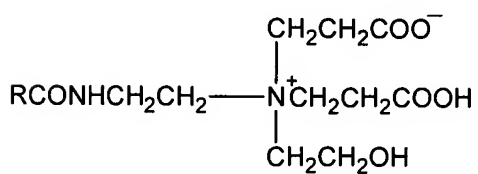
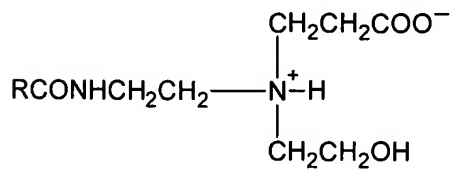
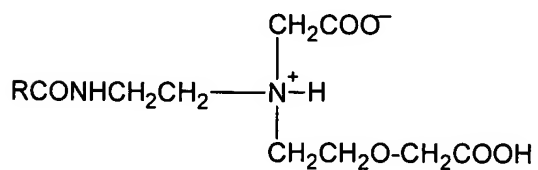
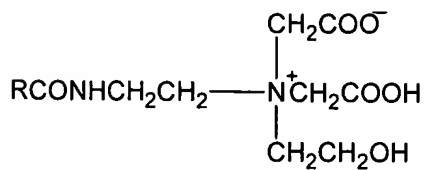
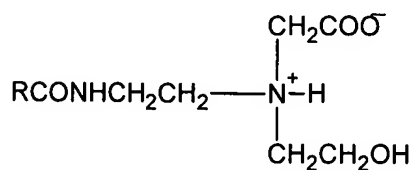
- (a) 0.01 – 10%wt. of at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties;
- (b) 0.1 – 10%wt. of at least one nonionic surfactant;
- (c) 0.1 – 10%wt. at least one component having irritation mitigating
10 properties selected from the group consisting of amphoteric surfactant, anionic surfactant, and mixtures thereof;
- (d) at least one electrolyte;
- (e) optionally, one or more constituents for improving the aesthetic or functional features of the inventive compositions;
15 and the remainder water.

2. The composition according to claim 1 wherein in excess of 50%wt. of the (a) at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties is found in the upper aqueous phase.
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3. The composition according to claim 1 wherein in excess of 50%wt. of the (c) at least one component having irritation mitigating properties selected from the group of amphoteric surfactant, anionic surfactant, and mixtures thereof is found in the upper aqueous phase.
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4. The composition according to claim 3 wherein (c) at least one component having irritation mitigating properties selected from the group of amphoteric surfactant, anionic surfactant, and mixtures thereof is an amphoteric surfactant.
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5. The composition according to claim 4 wherein the amphoteric surfactant is selected from the group of compounds having the formulas



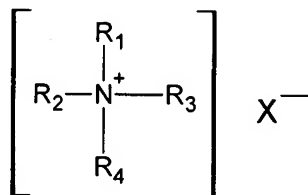
- 5 wherein R is C₈ to C₂₄ alkyl.

6. The composition according to claim 3 wherein (c) at least one component having irritation mitigating properties selected from the group of amphoteric surfactant, anionic surfactant, and mixtures thereof is an anionic surfactant.

5 7. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the amount of (d) at least one electrolyte is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 5.0wt%.

8. The composition according to claim 1 wherein (a) at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties has the formula

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where at least one of R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 is an alkyl, aryl or alkylaryl substituent of from 6 to 26 carbon atoms, X is an anion and the entire cation portion of the molecule has a molecular weight of at least 165.

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9. The composition according to claim 1 wherein (a) comprises two cationic surfactants having germicidal properties.

10. The composition according to claim 1 containing (e) at least one constituent for improving the aesthetic or functional features of the inventive compositions selected from coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents, other surfactants, pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts, optical brighteners, opacifying agents, hydrotropes, antifoaming agents, enzymes, anti-spotting agents, anti-oxidants, preservatives, and anti-corrosion agents.

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